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OPEN LETTER to GOVERNOR ROSELLINI

DEAR GOVERNOR: IS THE HATED POOR HOUSE ON THE WAY BACK?

WITH COPIES TO—
LUCIA AUSTIN
LEE McGOURIN
GEORGE STARLUND
GEORGE SPENDLOVE
& KENNETH LAWSON

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SAM KOSKI

Sam Koski, local builder and president of the Spokane Central Council of Civic Clubs stated in an interview today that his organization is taking a searching look at the administration of the Department of Public Assistance in Spokane County.

"I am certain that the legislature and the general public feels that the aged and infirm citizens of this state deserve and should receive good care under our welfare laws," said Mr. Koski.

"Under the guise of economy, officials of this state are depriving many of our bewildered and helpless welfare recipients of good care which is readily available, and relegating them to an existence that would be prohibited for animals."

"I believe it is high time the citizens of this state and especially the taxpayers of Spokane County put a stop to this terrible disregard for human well-being," said cub leader Koski.

GIVE YOUR ALL FOR FOREIGN AID

Spokane's sputnik, the globe-girdling flicker salesman, Eric Johnston, has recently been employed to con the American people into thinking that they favor foreign aid give-aways.

The plan is for Eric to take a leaf out of P. T. Barnum's book. It's a fact, there is one born every minute and Eric is going to organize 'em.

They are using our money to sell us the idea that there is merit in being bled dry by taxes so as to pour money down every empty rat hole in the world. The truth is that if we were to put a stop to foreign aid we could also stop the unconstitutional and confiscatory income tax. The amounts balance precisely.

Yep, we sure need a super salesman to give us this guff.

FUTURE FEATURE ARTICLES

Bum on the Bench

Story of the U. S. Supreme Court.

Spokane Council of Churches

Is it a Christian organization?

Ben Kizer

The untold story of the patron saint of local liberals.

Laws on Libel Louse Up Legman

Our reporter in the upper end of town who has been doing some snooping into alleged monkey-business in the handling of welfare patients and their placement in questionable facilities, is in a quandary over what is libelous and what is not.

He reminds us that Paul Ashley, the eminent libel attorney, specifically states that it is libel *per se* to label a boarding house a bawdy house. Our reporter wants to know if the reverse is true.

It seems that a little lady who (so he says) once acted as a receptionist in a local bordello and who has a slight police record, is now listed as a boarding house operator on an official list.

We haven't yet queried the Department as to what the qualifications are for placement in this establishment or whether they are required to give minimum or maximum care as defined by the brains over in Olympia, nor have we queried Paul Ashley over in Seattle as to whether it is libelous to call a bawdy house a boarding house. Be patient, all things come in time.

Kruschev recently said, "Whether you like it or not, history is on our side, we will bury you."

With our taxes supporting the Commies abroad and the U. S. Supreme Court looking out for them at home, how can they lose?

SOCIAL WORKERS SWARM ON SPOKANE

The junketing legislative budget committee, headed by long-time professional social worker Ed Munro visited Spokane the other day, made a pitch for the Department of Public Assistance and then moved on.

Seems as though the budget committee is functioning as an unofficial auxiliary of the Department of Public Assistance. The burden of their message seemed to be that they were worried about the 40c per day increase they had granted for the care of the old people and were thinking about rescinding the same. This from part of the gang who voted themselves $25 per day for expenses last session. Seems as though they can only understand the cost of living index when they are bellying up to the trough.

Republican Politics:

Communism Is Main Issue in State Election, Canwell Tells Club

By ROSS CUNNINGHAM

The chief issue of the present election campaign is communism, Albert F. Canwell of Spokane, candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator, declared here yesterday as he began his western Washington campaign.

The chairman of the former state un-American activities investigating committee spoke to the King County Young Men's Republican Club. The Democrats, Canwell said, would like to confine the political discussions to social measures.

"That's Pollyanna talk to take the people's minds off the fact that the Communists have set fire to the world—and our national administration has helped them get into a position to burn down the world," Canwell said.

He charged that China deliberately was "sold out" to the Communists by party members in the State Department who can be removed only by the election of a Republican Congress.

"We have to get rid of some of the fools and knaves in Congress who are going down the line, point by point, with the program of the Communists for world domination," Canwell said. He said he classed Democratic Senator Warren G. Magnuson in that category, "because Magnuson has voted against efforts to weed the Communists out of the government."

"Magnuson makes the statement that if anyone knows of a Communist in the government, they should tell the President about it and he'll be fired in 10 minutes," Canwell went on. "The information about Alger Hiss was supplied to the White House for 10 years, and what happend? The only trouble caused was to those who wanted to get rid of Hiss."

Canwell praised Senator Joseph McCarthy's fight in Congress and criticized Republican senators who have not co-operated with him. He mentioned Mrs. Margaret Chase Smith, Republican senator from Maine, who has been critical of McCarthy.

"Some say she is getting ready to run for vice president. I wonder which party she's going to run with?" Canwell remarked.

Canwell said he has made independent investigations of the Amerasia case, an added that it was the state un-American activities committee that first proved Harry Bridges a Communist, and developed information that led to Alger Hiss' being unmasked publicly.

"If we are to preserve freedom we first must root the Communists out of our government. If you want this done you should send to the Senate a man who knows how to do the job," Canwell declared.

He said he has great respect for his primary-election opponents, Mrs. Janet Tourtellotte, George Kinnear and W. Walter Williams, and added:

"They are nice people—perhaps too nice to do the job that has to be done.

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REDS BIG ISSUE, SAYS CANWELL

Candidate For Senate Hits Policy Of Demos

Communism is the chief issue of the current election campaign, Albert F. Canwell of Spokane is telling Western Washington audiences.

The chairman of the former state un-American activities investigating committee, campaigning for the Republican nomination for United States senator, declared in Seattle:

"The Democrats would like to confine the political discussions to social measures. That's Pollyanna talk to take the people's minds off the fact that the Communists have set fire to the world—and our national administration has helped them get into a position to burn down the world."

GROUP ACTIVE—

He has conducted an independent investigation of the Amerasia case, Canwell said. He added that the state un-American activities committee first proved Harry Bridges was a Communist and that the committee produced information in connection with the Alger Hiss case.

Canwell charged that China deliberately was "sold out" to the Communists by party members in the state department who, he said, "can be removed only by the election of a Republican congress."

"We have to get rid of some of the fools and knaves in congress who are going down the line, point by point, with the program of the Communists for world domination," declared Canwell.

CRITICAL—

Canwell was critical of Republican senators who have not cooperated with Sen. Joseph McCarthy in his fight in congress to unmask Reds. Of Mrs. Margaret Chase Smith, Republican senator from Maine, who has criticized McCarthy, Canwell said:

"Some say she is getting ready to run for vice president. I wonder which party she's going to run with?"

He declared it was the state un-American activities committee that first proved Harry Bridges a Communist, and turned up information that led to Alger Hiss' being unmasked.

Canwell spoke before the King County Young Men's Republican Club.

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Al Canwell
Orcas Islander, Newspaper.
Subject's Name and Aliases

MRS. RUSSELL
Name of Complainant
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Address of Subject

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DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Mrs. Russell called on the phone and advised that she had been furnishing information to Special Agent J. P. MacFarland, but that he was not in today. She said that an article appeared in the ORCAS ISLANDER, a newspaper published at Sedro Woolley, Washington, which she considered detrimental to the United States Government and stated that "This is treason when attacking the government". She stated that this article was reporting a speech made by AL CANWELL to the Kiwanis Club at Dayton, Washington on Thursday noon, July 6, 1950, and the article was very much against the United States becoming embroiled in the war, etc.

She stated that she felt the government was not too good, but ~~that the people must stand behind the government at a time like this.~~ She stated that she would bring the article to the office the next time she calls.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

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Alfred F. Canwell
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The Communist Target

THE COMMUNISTS are making such frenzied attacks on Al Canwell, Republican nominee for Congressman-at-Large, that Washington voters should be interested in knowing why they are so concerned about the matter.

The reason, of course, isn't hard to find.

As a member of the 1947 State Legislature, Mr. Canwell wrote and sponsored the resolution creating the Joint Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, which is better remembered simply as the Canwell Committee.

And Mr. Canwell, as chairman of the committee, spent the next two years in Seattle, determining policy and guiding investigations and hearings. The results are a matter of history.

The committee exposed the manner in which the Pension Union was dominated by Communists who were exploiting the unfortunate to gain their own ends.

It cleaned up a nest of left-wing faculty members on the University of Washington campus.

It put the Communist Seattle Labor School and its newspaper out of business.

And, on a national scale, it was responsible for the first public exposure of the Alger Hiss spy ring in Washington, D. C., and produced the first substantial proof of Harry Bridges' membership in the Communist Party.

No wonder the Northwest edition of the notorious People's Daily World, Pacific Coast organ of the Communist Party, devotes so much space to the necessity of defeating "the reactionary Al Canwell."

NO ONE should get the idea, however, that Mr. Canwell's stand against Communism is his sole claim to support. If elected, he has pledged himself to continue his fight against what he describes as "the gigantic threat of Communism"—but there are other planks in his platform which qualify him as the kind of man who will represent the state well in Congress.

He is for world defense that is both ADEQUATE for us and POSSIBLE to us.

He believes that welfare must be based on need—that it must not be carried to a point where it destroys the penalties of failure or the rewards of thrift and industry.

He urges the curtailment of costly super government, arguing that unreasonable government appropriations of citizens' earnings are responsible for inflation.

He favors the improvement and extension of the Taft-Hartley Act to best protect the hard-earned gains of the individual worker.

He wants to see the American farmer protected from possible disaster—but not anesthetized into believing that he can reap without sowing.

And he demands a foreign policy that is always based on America's best interests—no more Yaltas, Potsdams, Tehrans or Koreas.

It's not hard to see why a Communist might not like such a platform. But why should any good American object?

OPPOSING MR. CANWELL there is a young man who seems to have little to offer beyond the fact that he happens to have a name that has been politically familiar to Washington voters for the last 20 years.

This fortuitous circumstance was the only reason why he won the Democratic nomination last month.

It is to be hoped that those who voted for him in September in the belief that they were casting their ballots for the Senior Senator from Washington won't make the same mistake next week.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SEATTLE DATE: 11/30/54

FROM : CATHERINE KOSHAK

SUBJECT: ALBERT CANWELL (ALFRED F. CANWELL)
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
SAC CONTACT

The Seattle indices were reviewed relative to captioned individual and the following references were noted:

ALFRED F. CANWELL: 100-11729
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100-1513-39
100-1760-1299
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100-18606-14, 230
100-18270-718
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94-154-68
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94-49-1317
124-489-12

Case file 100-11729 entitled ALFRED F. CANWELL, CARL D. CANWELL, JOHN M. CANWELL, INTERNAL SECURITY - G, CUSTODIAL DETENTION reflects that subjects, all brothers, allegedly are past associates of DR. HARM HENRY SCHLOMER, alleged pro-Nazi professor, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash. Investigation revealed the ALFRED F. CANWELL stated that "German short-wave broadcasts were only news that could be believed. Investigation further indicates that the CANWELLS shared SCHLOMERS views although no specific information was given thereon. This case file reflected the following background on ALFRED F. CANWELL:

He is a professional photographer and at that time (January, 1943) had been appointed full-time Deputy Sheriff at Spokane, Washington. He was described as follows:

Age:	37 years (In 1943)
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Build:	Slim
Hair:	Light Brown

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Mustache:	Yes - at that time
Marital Status:	Married
Residence:	East 123 12th, Spokane, Wash. (1943)

Case file 1-88 is entitled "ALBERT F. CANWELL" which case was opened pursuant to a recommendation made that CANWELL attend the FBI NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY SESSION commencing 1/8/45. At first, it was recommended that CANWELL's application be received unfavorably, due to the information contained in 100-11729, outlined above. After considerable investigation, CANWELL was not accepted.

Additional background in this case file is as follows:

Born:	1/11/17, Spokane, Wash.
Education:	Attended Spokane Jr. College 9/41 - 6/42
	Gonzaga University, Spokane 9/41 - 10/42(Pre-Med)

This file also reflects a news article from the SUNDAY SPOKANE SPOKESMAN REVIEW, 4/18/54, captioned "CANWELL CHOSEN FOR TASK ABROAD" reflecting that AL CANWELL of Spokane will be one of two consultants for the U. S. State Department at the 7th Sessions of the inter-governmental committee for European migration at Geneva, 4/20 to 5/1/54.

Reference 65-1102-697 is a memorandum by SA H. E. SAVAGE dated 12/15/47 attaching hereto a photographic copy of the mailing list obtained from [redacted] b2 b7D 10/9/47 of the RUSSIAN RELIEF on which appeared the name of "A. F. CANWELL, Montvale Farms".

Reference 100-1513-39 is the report of SA WILLIAM V. SHAFTNER, 9/7/42 at Seattle, entitled "HARM HENRY SCHLOMER, was, INTERNAL SECURITY - G, CUSTODIAL DETENTION, reflecting that CARL, JOHN and AL CANWELL of Spokane, Washington were associates of SCHLOMER. An informant advised he believed the CANWELLS to be pro-Nazi but could not offer any specific information.

Reference 100-1760-1299 is a news article from the NEW WORLD dated 4/24/47 entitled "THESE MEN ARE THOUGHT POLICE" listing 7 men "who are the proposed 'thought police' to tell the citizens of our state what they can think about political, economic and social problems and what organizations they can belong to. These seven men will be the sold judges as to what is 'American'. The New World believes that their own prejudices and beliefs, as seen by their legislative records, is a matter of grave public interest". Among the 7 listed was "ALBERT CANWELL, Spokane commercial photographer, serving first term (Representative). Republican. Voted against every progressive issue except teachers tenure. Follows orders of GOP leaders".

Reference 100-6821-111 is a memorandum dated 8/8/45 reflecting that A. F. CANWELL, head of the Identification Division of Spokane County Sheriff's Office advised that he once took some newspaper photographs concerning the RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF and they apparently obtained his name in this manner and that is how his name possibly appeared on their mailing list.

Reference 100-18606-14 is a letter from Chicago dated 4/4/47 reflecting that ALBERT F. CANWELL who stated he was a member of the WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 5th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, contacted the Chicago Office between trains. He advised that he was chairman of the HOUSE COMMITTEE investigating un-American activities in the STATE OF WASHINGTON and the subject of his present inquiry was Communistic Activities at the University of Washington and inquired regarding RAYMOND ALLEN, President of the University, formerly of Urbana, Illinois. He was advised that our Springfield Office covers Urbana and suggested his inquiry be directed to our Bureau headquarters.

Reference 100-18606-230 is a letter to the Director dated 6/7/47 entitled WASHINGTON STATE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, ALBERT F. CANWELL, CHAIRMAN, reflecting that CANWELL, formerly Chief Investigatory, Civil Service, Seattle, advised of certain individuals he planned on obtaining to be on the instant committee, in particular, SA TONY REEDER; STAN LEITH of BOEINGS.

Reference 100-18270-718 is a memorandum dated 7/11/50 by SA STEVE S. CARTER reflecting a press released obtained by [redacted] from CP headquarters dated 5/8/50 which is apparently a rough draft concerning activities connected with the Canwell Committee, stating in part: "SMITH TROY by this hope is seemingly trying to appease the JOE McCARTHY crowd to which ALBERT CANWELL belongs. No 'hopes' will save him (MELVIN RADER, University of Wash. Prof.) from being branded as a 'top Soviet espionage agent' by some professional informer whenever it suits the purpose of McCARTHY and CANWELL." b2 b7D

Reference 80-1032-5 is a news article of the Seattle P-I dated 8/25/50 entitled "RIFT DEVELOPS OVER CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM" reflecting that a controversy developed in Seattle among forces dedicated to fighting Communism as ALBERT F. CANWELL, long-time foe of the left-wing philosophy, challenged the selection of BENJAMIN H. KIZER, Spokane, as state chairman of the CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM COMMITTEE.

Reference 94-154-68 is a memorandum dated 2/4/52 by SA D. A. MacCULLOCH reflecting the SPOKANE RESIDENCY CONTACTS, Special Service-Type, among which is A. F. CANWELL, Residence, Montvale Farms, telephone, FA 1043, Spokane. It pointed out that CANWELL is self-employed on his farm. Formerly head of WASHINGTON STATE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, campaigned for U. S. Senate on Republican ticket and is a leader in Republican politics in Eastern Washington.

Reference 66-2124-9 is a memorandum dated 1/31/52 by SA DAVID A. MAC CULLOCH reflecting that A. F. (AL) CANWELL, Montvale Farms, Dartford, Washington, was contacted by him and Mr. AUERBACH on 1/29/52.

Reference 94-49-1317 is a memorandum dated 10/24/52 by SA LLOYD A. DUCOMMUN reflecting on 10/17/52 he attended a conference of Installation Intelligence Officers, RO #3, 115th CIC Detachment, Seattle. At this conference ALBERT F. CANWELL, former Chairman of the Joint Fact-Finding Committee of UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES IN THE WASHINGTON STATE, 1948, and present Republican candidate for congressman at large, State of Washington, spoke about the investigation of the Canwell Committee in the State of Washington. Mr. CANWELL mentioned that his committee was responsible for the opening up of the ALGER HISS case and assisting in the deportation of HARRY BRIDGES. He also mentioned that the ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION had appropriated $30,000 for a book to be written about the activities of the CANWELL COMMITTEE. He said that this book was written by an individual named COUNTRYMAN. Mr. CANWELL remarked that he did not believe this book could be found in any regular book store but undoubtedly could be purchased at the Frontier Book Store for $5.00. Mr. CANWELL stated that the book criticized the Committee for violation of Civil Liberties and constitutional rights.

Reference 124-489-12 is a teletype from the Bureau dated 12/30/52 captioned PEARL A. WANAMAKER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, and states a telegram received 12/27/52 indicating possibility appointment of WANAMAKER TO United Nations alarms many best-informed citizens of this State. This telegram suggested conferring with Representative ALBERT CANWELL, Spokane, among others.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SEATTLE FILE DATE: 12-29-54

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: ALBERT CANWELL (ALFRED E. CANWELL)
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

The captioned individual was considered as an SAC Contact and rejected since he had performed no specific service for the Seattle Office; however, it is noted that he is available for service in his field and is capable of performing very valuable services for the office. In view of his position and known friendship to the Seattle Office, he is to be considered as a Confidential Source who will be most helpful and discreet on any contacts that might be made for requests for information or services.

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Solons Set For Canwell Probe, Budget Battle

(Compiled from Associated Press and United Press dispatches)

OLYMPIA, Feb. 21.—The battle of the budget and a legislative investigation of the "missing" Canwell Committee papers shared the spotlight today as the Washington Legislature convened for the seventh week of the 34th session.

A two-member House committee subpoenaed former State Representative Albert F. Canwell, Spokane Republican, and chairman of the former State Un-American Activities Committee, and other former committee members, to appear at a public hearing tonight.

Probe by Committee OK'd

The committee, composed of Speaker John O'Brien, Seattle Democrat, and ex-Speaker Mort Frayn, Seattle, Republican, was authorized by the House last week to seek the whereabouts of certain records compiled by the Canwell committee during lengthy hearings in 1947 and 1948.

A legislative committee reported the papers missing when it opened a storage room earlier in the session.

The battle of the budget also centered in the House, which is drafting the bill to provide funds to operate the state government in the 1955-57 biennium. A proposed budget will be presented this week, Speaker O'Brien said today.

Budget Last This Week

Chairman Ole Olson of the Appropriations Committee, said "we hope to have it out of committee Friday or Saturday," but he declined to say how large the budget would be.

Chairman Wilbur Hallauer of the Taxation and Revenue Committee, said he thought Olson's committee would turn out a budget that would be about $65,000,000 out of balance. That is about $24,000,000 more out-of-line than the budget proposed by Governor Langlie.

Meanwhile, Representative Robert Timm, G. O. P. caucus chairman, said the Republicans will set a ceiling of $45,000,000 in new taxes and will resist any effort to go above that figure.

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Ashley E. Holden — Olympia Observer

Canwell's Task Was Well Done

OLYMPIA.—To understand the Canwell story it is necessary to go back eight years. The crowded gallery in the house chamber last Monday night saw only the climax of an amazing drama which began in that same chamber during the session of the 1947 legislature.

A freshman member of the house in that session was Albert F. Canwell, a 39-year-old commercial photographer of Spokane. Virtually unknown then, his name shortly became famous throughout the state and across the nation. For he was picked by speaker Herbert M. Hamblen to be chairman of the state un-American activities committee. Little did anyone then realize what was about to happen.

For this Spokane man, quiet in demeanor but dogged in determination, nurtured an undying hatred of subversion and communism. He went after the reds wherever he found them and he smoked out the communists who had infiltrated the labor unions, the schools and the churches, and who had all but dominated the Democratic party in the state of Washington.

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With alacrity he went to work. He adopted the methods of Martin Dies and of Joe McCarthy, adding a few innovations of his own. In 1948 the Canwell committee, as it came to be known, held two public hearings in Seattle.

The first, held in January and February, exposed the communist domination of the Washington Pension union, headed by William J. Pennock, former state representative. The second, held in July, directed the spotlight of pitiless publicity upon the communists on the faculty of the University of Washington.

Those revelations were astounding. They literally shook the state. In the July hearing Canwell put witnesses on the stand who first exposed Alger Hiss for the liar which he proved to be. He uncovered new and damaging evidence in the Harry Bridges case, and he broke the grip of Jerry O'Connell on the Democratic party in the state of Washington. And six years after that first hearing in Seattle, Bill Pennock died a suicide, a confessed communist on trial for violation of the Smith act.

These were the outward accomplishments of the Canwell committee. Much more was done behind the scenes and in cooperation with other government agencies to stamp out the red menace which had caused the state to be dubbed "the soviet of Washington" by former Postmaster General James A. Farley.

In the accomplishment of this task Canwell unavoidably made many enemies. He was subjected to the same smear attacks with which Martin Dies and Joe McCarthy were branded as enemies of the republic.

In the 1949 session of the legislature, with the Democrats back in control of the house, the Canwell committee was abolished and speaker Charles W. Hodde led the fight to discredit the accomplishments of its chairman.

It was then that the files and records of the committee were ordered impounded and a "task force" was dispatched to the headquarters of the committee in Seattle to seize the records and lock them up.

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From that day to this there has been no further investigation of communist activities in the state, save that of the Velde committee last year, at which time one of the members of that congressional committee paid glowing tribute to Canwell for the work which he did in 1948.

Those who know Al Canwell and who are familiar with what his committee did are not in the least concerned about what disposition he made of the records and files, before they were "seized" by Hodde's orders in 1949.

The job he did was effective. He broke the grip of the communists on the Washington Pension union and he halted the spread of communism on the campus at the University of Washington. It should be obvious to everyone that the federal bureau of investigation was aware of what went on, and that today the FBI has custody of all the vital records of the Canwell committee.

They know better what to do with such information than do any carping critics who still want to smear Canwell for his monumental and patriotic achievements in protecting America from the red menace.

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Eastvold Again Asked to Act On Canwell

By Associated Press.

OLYMPIA, March 5.—House Speaker John L. O'Brien today renewed his request to Attorney-General Eastvold to determine whether former Representative Albert F. Canwell was in contempt of a House committee.

O'Brien said Canwell, chairman of the defunct State Un-American Activities Committee, refused to tell a two-man House committee the whereabouts of microfilms of the Communist-hunting committee records.

The hot issue of the missing Canwell-committee records originated in the House, then was shifted to Eastvold, who tossed it back to the House Thursday.

A two-man committee composed of O'Brien, a Democrat, and Senator R. Mort Frayn, Republican, reported to the Legislature that Canwell had refused to tell them where the microfilms were and had admitted he destroyed some of the committee records.

The House referred the matter to the attorney-general.

Eastvold tossed the ball back to the House by asserting that any contempt proceedings were out of the jurisdiction of his office, but could be handled by the House, itself.

In a new letter to Eastvold, O'Brien said a perusal of state law made it seem "appropriate to refer the matter to you."

O'Brien wrote Eastvold that:

"If, in your opinion . . . Canwell . . . was in contempt of the special committee created by this Legislature, or had violated the law in destroying certain files and records of the committee, it appears to us that under the law it is your duty to so advise us, and further, that you should refer the matter to the prosecuting attorney of Thurston County or some other prosecuting attorney for appropriate action and advise and assist him if 'the interests of the state require'."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SEATTLE

DATE: October 29,1955

FROM: SA DAVID A. MAC CULLOCH

SUBJECT: A. F. CANWELL
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On October 28,1955 USA WILLIAM B. BANTZ made available his file regarding A. F. (AL) CANWELL which he had received that date from the Federal Housing Administration. In view of CANWELL's activity in politics and expecially in view of his having headed the Washington State Un-American Activities Committee in the past the writer felt this information should be made available to the Seattle office.

By letter dated October 26,1955 from Mr. C. W. BROOM, operations division, Federal Housing Administration, 460 Dexter Horton Building, Seattle, Wn. USA WILLIAM B. BANTZ was forwarded the Title I file of the FHA on A. F. CANWELL their #MCP No. 5-057604 for action to force collection by the United States Attorney's office of a Title I FHA loan made to CANWELL 2/12/52 in the amount of $687.45.

The FHA file reflected that the amount still owing by CANWELL on this loan is $407.98 which amount has been owing since 7/17/53. The file contained the following note from Mr. E. R. HANSON, Title I representative, " Debtor has equity in farm of approx. $2,000.00. Account has been in default since Feb. 10,1953. All collection possibilities exhausetted by Title I Representative. Believe only way to collect is thru D.J. action. " The file containes another note by HANSON in writing to Mr. J. C. RUSSELL, Chief Field Collection Supervision Unit, Federal Housing Administration, Washington 25, D.C., "Request is made for blue binder in above case. This is a case where there are assets and debtor does not pay. Case is being prepared to direct delivery to the U.S. Attorney."

Another note in the FHA file is as follows, " D.J. Action is recommended. Debtor has farm which is free and clear and worth $2,000. Debtor's political campaigning cost $7,000 given as reason for default. Credit report in this case shows that debtor does not pay his debts. D.J. action is believed to be only way it is possible to collect. Debtor ignores letters and notices."

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The file contained a report on A. F. CANWELL prepared by the Spokane Credit Men's Rating Bureau received by the FHA 8/15/55 which reflected the following information: Mr. ALBERT F. CANWELL, wife MARSINAH, Route 5 Spokane, Wn. Records in the Credit Bureau files since 1928 and reflected that CANWELL had resided in Spokane, Wn. for years in a good residence and neighborhood, permanent resident, age 49, married with dependants being wife and 4 dependants.

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The Credit Bureau report indicated CANWELL had previously resided at E. 123-~~1kk~~ 12th, W. 909 Shannon and N. 1925 Monroe Street Spokane, Wn and was presently self employed as a farmer since 1951 being previously employed as a deputy sheriff, painter, and by the Press Club and Upper Columbia Conference.

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Conference. The report reflected that CANWELL's employers opinions of him were good, that his character, habits, morals etc. were good, reputation of his friends and associates were good and no suspicion of liquor or narcotic traffic. The report continued that CANWELL's record of thrift was fair, employment steady, did not move frequently, had no record of income from monthly employment or business, income was seasonal and that income of wife or other members of the family was not known. The report indicated CANWELL owned his home and his bank experience was good.

The report contained the following under "Credit Record and Remarks"

Type of Subiness Reporting	How Long Sold	Date of Last Sale	Lease of Open Act.	Recent High Credit	Owes Now	Paying habits
Fuel	1946	9-53	Open	186	0	7-8 mos slow
Fin.	12-50	12-54	Cont	500	395	Prompt-90
Furn.	9-48		Cont	618	0	V.Prompt
Auto	2-52		Cont	459	59	Repossessed 12-54
Dept	8-50	6-55	Open	95	6	90-Days-5Mos Slow
Stnry	years		Open	4	4	Chgd. Off; Not paid
Cloth	8-41		Open	150	100	6 mos slow
Auto	5-53	1-55	Cont	1910	1001	slow
Util	Regused information					
Oil	5-52 Restr. Owing $179; Paid 8-4-55					
M.Cloth	12-46	4-50	Cont	150	0	Slow
Elect;	Sold to fin					

Judgment 5-55 $454 & $21 Costs; Not Satis; 6-53 $91 and $11 Costs; not satis

Prev. Checkings;
9-52 3 Prompt; 7 slow
9-53 5 Prompt; 6 slow
2-54 4 Prompt; 7-Slow

Ppty described as part of NW ¼ Sec. 24-27-44

[redacted] son born [redacted] girl born

Subject was previously deputy sheriff, worked for the press club, as painter with brother, for the Upper Columbia Conf.

Wife is the former MARSINAH MARSHALL, daughter of the late Dr. HERMAN P. MARSHALL who died in 1929 leaving an estate valued at $225,000; $100,00 of the total in in live insur. Estate provided subject's wife and sister to receive $70 each and left Mrs MARSHALL bal. of which was est. $600-$700 mo. She died and now this income from the entire estate goes to the sisters.

Reported 10-43 that subject received about $400 month. 8-47 operated a camera shop in the Davenport Hotel.

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6-30-41 married to MARSINAH MARSHALL
[redacted] Girl Born
Son born."

A. F. CANWELL

The above is all quoted from the Credit Bureau report.

The FHA file contained a letter on the stationary of the Statler Hotel Washington dated April 15,1954 as follows:

" Mr. D. E. CARLSON

Dear Sir:

I am now on my way to Europe and plan to be away until May 30. If possible I shall pay part of my account at that time but in any case I shall pay the entire amount by Sept. 1st.

Sincerly yours
A. F. CANWELL"

The FHA Title I application form indicated that the loan was to be used to fence the property owned by A. F. CANWELL at Route #5 Spokane, Wn. This form indicated CANWELL purchased the farm in 1942 with estimated valuation as of 2/12/52 of ~~$3500.~~ $3500.00.

It is to be noted that the property of CANWELL is referred to as ~~being~~ being valued at $2000.00 and $3500.00 while in the opinion of USA WILLIAM B. BANTZ this property is probably worth ten times this amount.

The FHA file contained no additional information of any value.

The above is being reported for information purposes.

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TO : SAC: Seattle(100---) DATE: 2/20/56

FROM : SA John P. Bowker

SUBJECT: Albert Canwell
Industrial Relations Organization
Spokane, Washington

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On 2/20/56 Mr. Kimball Jack, Vice President, Washington Water Power Company, Spokane, Washington, called at the Spokane R. A. and advised that his company has been approached by Al Canwell to join in an organization that would investigate alledged Communists and trouble makers in the WWP Company as well as conduct investigations of Educational institutions to determine if a Communist Cell was in operation ########### in schools of the state. Jack advised that this would apparently be the main objective of the organization to obtain information regarding alledged subversives which would be furnished to the companies which would in turn be furnished to the FBI. Jack went on to state he really couldn't see the value in such a plant for the Washington Water Power Company, but that if it would be of value to the country or to the FBI the company did not want to turn it down. Jack stated Canwell felt that $200.00 a month to start with from the Water Power Company would be sufficient, but would probably cost more later on. Canwell indicated that he expected to receive a total of about $5,000.00 a month from various companies ################ subscribing to this group.

Mr Jack further stated that Canwell indicated he was going to hire Barbara Hartle as an office worker in his organization.

Mr. Jack was advised that the FBI could not offer him advice as to whether he should join such an organization or not, but that the FBI always conducted their own investigations as to subversive activities. That the FBI would be glad to receive any information he might have concerning a Federal Violation.

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE

DATE: April 22,1956

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FROM : SA DAVID A. MAC CULLOCH

SUBJECT: A. F. (AL) CANWELL
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The following is being reported for information and record purposes.

Previous information has been reported reflecting that AL CANWELL is broke and unable to pay his outstanding bills. He has within the last couple of months had at least two suits filed against him in Spokane, County for past due bills and has a defaulted claim because of an FHA loan in the office of USA WILLIAM B. BANTZ.

CANWELL has recently opened an office across from the Davenport Hotel in Spokane, Wn. in a building left to his wife and her sister by their parents. CANWELL is attempting to work up a business of protecting the business men throughout the area in the matter of Communists in their employ etc. He indicated to a man at the Washington Water Power Company that he tried to sell his service to for $250.00 per month and possible $500.00 per month depending on the amount of work he had for them that not only would the company be protecting themselves against Communists in their employ etc. but that the company would be doing the community a service through his organization keeping track of the Communists throughout the area, the schools etc.

CANWELL and ASHLEY HOLDEN, political writer from the Spokesman Review, called on BARBARA HARTLE with SIDNEY SWAIN the U.S. Probation Officer. CANWELL wanted HARTLE to work for him in his office and HOLDEN suggested to her the possibility of writing a book. BARBARA HARTLE is interested in neither of these proposals.

CARL CANWELL as is known, brother of AL CANWELL, is Commissioner of Public Safety, Spokane, Wn. The writer knows that AL CANWELL obtained the identification record for PAUL EMERSON a Communist Party member in Spokane, Wn. through CARL CANWELL and the Spokane Police Department. In this regard AL CANWELL asked the writer if EMERSON had a criminal record and was advised that the writer did not know. A day or two later CARL CANWELL asked Chief PHELPS to obtain the record of PAUL EMERSON so in the writers opinion there is no question that this was for AL CANWELL, however could not prove it.

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In the writers opinion there is no question that AL CANWELL will obtain other identification records through his brother CARL CANWELL and the Spokane Police Department. Due to the relationships involved the entire situation is rather a touchy matter and the writer has cautioned all the agents at the Spokane, RA to be extremely careful of any conversation had with AL CANWELL.

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TO : SEATTLE FILE DATE: 6-11-56

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: ALBERT F. CANWELL 100-11729 1-88

On 6/7/56, I interviewed CANWELL at the office. He had just stopped in in connection with a visit here to make some arrangements regarding developing a part of his large farm. He said he had never been able to make that thing pay but now he is in a scheme with a contractor so that they would sell restricted lots in an area and begin to develop. If so, he thought there might be close to a "million dollars" in it.

He said that he hadn't gone very far with his "investigative subversive service" recently because he had been too busy with this other. He said that he was badly in debt as a result of being left to hold the bag for some expenses at the end of the last Congressional campaign . . expenses which the State Committee and GEORGE KINNEAR should have paid but didn't. He said he had put his debts on a businesslike basis and he was over half through with them and was beginning to see light ahead.

I told CANWELL that at several meetings I had heard two disturbing things about him, neither of which came from anybody in Spokane but came from other cities at meetings I had attended. I told him these two were that it was common rumor that he was deep in debt and struggling around frantically to try to find a way out and that some of it was "cutting the corners". In addition I told him we had had several inquiries concerning his talk about investigating Communism in the schools.

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As to the former, I told him it was none of our business but it seemed a shame that he would allow himself to get that kind of a public reputation as to cutting corners. I told him I was very much concerned with the second proposition, i.e. investigating Communism in the schools. I told him that I had gained the impression from people who had told us about it that he supposedly had an "understanding" with the FBI about the thing and that I didn't like it. Further, I told him it seemed to me that he had better be careful on the thing or we would have to really go to town and bring him up short.

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After chiding him on the point, he seemed to be very apologetic, said that he had worked with the Bureau too long to ever try to be at crossed swords with the Bureau and that it was still in

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his mind that he and his files and his knowledge could perform a service for which he could get paid. I told him we had no objection to any of that but that we did have objections to his giving the impression that he had some kind of an understanding with the FBI or that he might be invading our jurisdiction. He said he would be very careful in this connection and that he would check with me before he took any active steps.

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JUNE 5, 1956

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (65-1102)

FROM: SA DAVID A. MacCULLOCH

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY SPOKANE COUNTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SOURCE:	EVENT	NOTES RECEIVED	AGENT	EVIDENCE LOCATED
[redacted]	Notes of informant on activities of CP members and others in the Spokane, Wn. area.	6/1/56	DAVID A. MacCULLOCH	[redacted]

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"Monday, May 14th, ALICE B. WOODROOFE told MAYBELLE WHEELER that AL CANWELL had told her son, ROBIN, in Yakima that he wanted to talk with ALICE B. Whether by appointment or not is not known, but AL saw her and asked her about quite a few people in the Communist Party. ROBIN WOODROOFE has been working in some way with AL CANWELL's committee in Yakima. She says she thinks that AL wants to get her out of the way of having it brought out that AL had the son of a former Communist Party member working on his Committee. She says that CANWELL's and her meeting was by accident, but?

"GRACE LAMPITT called MAYBELLE WHEELER on May 30th and said that she had received a letter from DOROTHY DAVIS in Seattle stating

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cc: WOODROOFE (100-15991)
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R. WOODROOFE (100-0)
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that she can not be in either Yakima or Spokane as announced before. The whole thing has been cancelled.

"MAYBELLE WHEELER promised to go see BEN NEWTON about a Grievance and also promised to go with GRACE LAMPITT to get signatures on Petition #200, but just before they started found that MAYBELLE W. must take the $43.75 of Communist Party money to HAM SCHULZ at his home so he may turn it over to the contact who will be in Spokane on Saturday or Sunday, so the other errands had to wait. This money is Party dues and Red Fighting Fund."

Witchhunter says he's broke

SPOKANE — Former State Rep. Albert Canwell, who tried to parley "anti-communism" into a successful political career, outlined his financial woes to Superior Judge Raymond F. Kelly. The hearing was on a suit by Charles A. Bailie to collect $656 allegedly owing for political services.

Canwell told the court he has been without income since 1955. He said his wife gets $200 a month from a trust fund against which they have borrowed heavily. He complained that debtor harassment has made it impossible for him to organize a projected "security investigation" company here.

Canwell served one term in the State Legislature, where he headed the Un-American Activities Committee. He was defeated for reelection and has since made several unsuccessful bids for a congressional seat.

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Canwell Sponsors New Publication

Al F. Canwell, former state legislator, is publishing a new periodical, The Vigilante, for statewide distribution. The first issue was distributed this week.

He said it will not be an instrument of any political party, but "dedicated to the maintenance of internal security in America."

"We'll cover various matters of general interest, but we will go out of our way to identify people we believe to be radicals and those with subversive records who are trying to whitewash themselves," he said.

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Spokane, Washington
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TO : SAC, SEATTLE

DATE: May 2,1958

FROM : SA DAVID A. MAC CULLOCH

SUBJECT: AL CANWELL
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Confidential Informant [redacted] made available the attached copy of The Vigilante, Vol #1, No.1, dated 3/20/58 edited and published by AL CANWELL. This is being forwarded for the information of the Seattle office.

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE (65-1102) DATE: 5/7/58

FROM : SA DAVID A. MAC CULLOCH

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY SPOKANE COUNTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Source	Event	Notes Rec'd.	Agent	Location
[redacted]	Report of the informant of a conversation with AL CANWELL at the Chung King Inn, Spokane, Wash., the night of 4/4/58.	4/17/58	D. A. MAC CULLOCH	[redacted] b2 b7D

MAYBELLE WHEELER and [redacted] had an appointment with ALICE B. WOODROOFE to have dinner together. Before dinner, someone came up and called ALICE by name and started to talk, so naturally they thought that he was a friend of hers. She introduced him as AL CANWELL. He sat down beside her and the conversation was just general for awhile and finally as if he were her best friend, he said "I'm writing a book, ALICE and you are my principle character." Said he was going to write something about every member of the Communist Party. MAYBELLE told him not to dare put her name in his book. AL C. said that he had taken MAYBELLE's picture at one time, but had never met her before. Spoke of JOHN and BARBARA HARTLE and asked if MAYBELLE liked her. MAYBELLE told him, yes she liked her all right and always got b2 b6 b7C b7D

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100-15991 (A. B. WOODROOFE)
100-0 (AL C. CANWELL)
100-13013 (JOHN HARTLE)
100-3608 (B. HARTLE)
100-1203 (BILL PENNOCK)
100-12769 (VERNON TODD RILEY)
100-17189 (JERRY O'CONNEL)
65-1260 (HUGH DE LACEY)
100-0 (BARBARA EDDY)
100-0 (JEANNE JOHNSON)
100-0 (ROBIN WOODROOFE)

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along with her fine. ALICE said "Well, BARBARA got a rotten deal from the Party," with which MAYBELLE agreed. ALICE B. said that BARBARA should not have done what she did, said that she ALICE would not have done that. AL CANWELL said that some people called him a S.O.B. because of things he had done, but when they know him, they like him. He said that he had a talk with BILL PENNOCK just before he died and BILL told him he was going to testify to the truth regardless of what the Party said. Both MAYBELLE and ALICE B. said that no one had ever done so much for the Old Age Pensioners as BILL P. and that they all missed him. AL C. said that he liked BILL and very often had long talks with him. Said that "We know the C.P. killed BILL, but can't prove it." The day BILL died there was one of the Soviet men in his room, so said AL. AL also mentioned VERNON TODD who was transferred from here to MARYLAND. Says VERNON has a better job somewhere else now. Also spoke of knowing JERRY O'CONNEL and HUGH DE LACEY. AL said he knows all the Commies and ALICE said "MAYBELLE does too." He kept asking ALICE B. about her daughters, BARBARA EDDY and JEANNE JOHNSON. She told him just to leave those girls alone. AL said that at one time he had the room wired where there was a Communist Party meeting which was attended by BILL PENNOCK and others who were really wanting to do things against our Government. MAYBELLE W. told him that the fact that BILL P. was at that meeting did not necessarily mean that BILL thought like these men any more than that everyone at the table thought like he thinks. At one time, a friend of ALICE's in the presence of MAYBELLE W. "Is your son still working with the Canwell Committee?" ALICE denied that she had ever told the lady such a thing, but it did not go over so well. Her son is ROBIN WOODROOFE in Yakima, Washington.

ACTION: None

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE (65-1102) DATE: 5/7/58

FROM : SA DAVID A. MAC CULLOCH

Albert F. Canwell
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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY SPOKANE COUNTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Source	Event	Notes Rec'd.	Agent	Location
[redacted]	Miscellaneous notes of Confidential Informant [redacted]	4/17/58	D. A. MAC CULLOCH	[redacted]

Albert

On Thursday, April 10th, MAYBELLE WHEELER and [redacted] stopped in at the Chung King Inn for dinner and ALICE B. WOODROOFE and her daughter, JEANNE JOHNSON, were there having a drink. MAYBELLE and [redacted] sat down with them and [redacted] bought them a drink and visited. After a while, AL CANWELL walked by. No one saw him except MAYBELLE W. and the waitress who said "Alice, there went your friend." Whether their all being there was an accident or was prearranged is difficult to say. About this time MIKE WOODROOFE, ALICE's grandson, came in and they moved into the restaurant side of the house as MIKE could not be served in the bar as he is only 18. MAYBELLE and [redacted] were going somewhere else to eat and as we all got up AL CANWELL passed going out. Can't figure it out, except that are sure neither one knew that the other would be there. ALICE, JEANNE and Mike said they were waiting for BARBARA and Mr. WOODROOFE to come and take JEANNE home as her car had given out and she left it in Spokane to be fixed.

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Friday, April 11, 1958. ALICE B. WOODROOFE called MAYBELLE on the phone today and MAYBELLE said that she was not going to talk to AL CANWELL any more and ALICE B. said that the girls at the Chung King were to warn her when AL CANWELL was in the house. Don't know if it is because MAYBELLE W. is also there or that ALICE B. does not want to talk to him. However, this latter did not seem to be the case on April 4th.

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE (100-0) DATE: 11/8/65

FROM : SA JERRY N. THOMASON

SUBJECT: A. F. CANWELL OM

On 11/5/65 this agent was telephonically contacted by a Mr. FRANCIS CLARK, 8714 Broadway, Everett who advised he was the operator of the Cypress Lawn Cemetary in Everett.

CLARK stated he had, that day, been contacted by the subject who allegedly represented the Directory of American Intelligence Service, 151 S. Washington, Spokane, Wash. which was devoted to the investigation of various communist front and other subversive organizations.

CANWELL, according to CLARK, was contacting cemetaries, funeral homes and other related businesses for the purpose of soliciting monies in order to further research and investigation concerning individuals in the funeral business who are communists or have communist leanings.

CLARK advised CANWELL also stated he was working on behalf of funeral directors in the state of Washington to combat the bad publicity given the funeral business by the book "The High Cost of Dying".

CLARK'S purpose in contacting the FBI was to ascertain whether CANWELL'S organization was legitimate. CLARK was advised the FBI was not at liberty to disseminate such information.

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